

Reimbursement of excess tax payment to bogus tax payers

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees are reimbursed as excess tax payment to bogus tax payers by the Income Tax Department from the Consolidated Fund every year;
- (b) whether there is any connivance of Income Tax Officers and countrywide mafia in this regard;
- (c) whether Government would inquire into the matter, if so, the nature and term of reference of the inquiry;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and what action is being taken by Government to stop such bogus payment with immediate effect; and
- (e) what action Government propose to take against the officers/employees involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) While some cases of fraudulent refund orders come to notice of the Government from time to time, and action as appropriate is taken immediately by the concerned authorities, there is no evidence to suggest the connivance of Income Tax Officers and some countrywide mafia in this regard. With full computerisation and payment of refund directly to the bank account of the assessee, it may be possible to stop such tray cases of fraudulent refund also.
(b) Whenever it is suspected that the Departmental Officials are involved, a thorough investigation either by CBI or through the Departmental vigilance agency is conducted to penalise the guilty officers/employees.

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